

Hello everyone,
Here are the announcements regarding T3 this month.

Let me know if I can assist you with anything.

Thanks,
Katie

Important reminder: Federal Evaluation Template- For Fiscal Agents and Evaluators

As previously mentioned, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is now required to conduct a State Evaluation Report, covering Title II, Part D activities funded with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. On October 4th, a template was sent through the listserv asking for important data from each Target Tech in Texas (T3) Collaborative Grant recipient. The template is also attached to this email.

Please provide the information in the attached template and submit it to T3@tea.state.tx.us. **One report per fiscal agent/collaborative is required with the deadline of November 1, 2010. This information will be completed by the program manager working with the external evaluator.** The completed data will be compiled into a report by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and sent directly to the United States Department of Education (USDOE).

This report is mandatory and must be completed timely and completely. We really appreciate your help with this important reporting.

ARRA Reporting

The fourth quarter ARRA Reporting to the federal government went very smoothly and TEA is very appreciative of everyone's efforts. Please be sure to continue to check TEA's ARRA Stimulus webpage frequently for updates. <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4570>.

Reminder: Texas Education Agency Federal Audits of ARRA Funding

There is a very strong possibility that all T3 Collaborative ARRA funded grants will be audited. Some of your collaboratives have already started the process and recommend that others have the following items ready in advance to make the audit process as smooth as possible.

Appropriate documentation for:

- ARRA expenditure reports
- Title II, Part D expenditures
- Quarterly Progress Reports for the entire collaborative
- Quarterly Evaluator Reports
- Contracts
- Shared Service Agreements
- Amendments
- Any survey results
- Any documentation regarding monitoring of activities

Please feel free to contact T3@tea.state.tx.us with any questions you have during the audit process.

Fourth Quarter Progress Reports and Evaluation Reports

All submitted Q4 progress reports and evaluation reports are in the process of being reviewed and filed. It has been exciting to learn about the progress and impact that the ARRA funding is having on your schools. Thank you for all the links to pictures, videos, lessons, professional development, and success stories, as well as describing

your challenges and how TEA can assist you in the future.

We will notify grantees via email if we have follow up questions or concerns with your reporting. If progress reports contained answers that were left blank or provided no details, they will be sent back for further information. Please keep this in mind when answering next quarter's progress reports.

If you have failed to submit your fourth quarter progress report by the October 10th, 2010 deadline, please do so at this time. Eligibility of grantees to receive future grants, including continuation grants, from TEA could be impacted by noncompliance.

Fall Site Visits have Started

During site visits this spring, we had the chance to speak with administrators, instructional technologists, principals, teachers, and students and hear about the positive impact the T3 funding is making in their schools through extensive professional development and technology purchases. We look forward to planning more visits for this fall. Please be sure to let us know if there is a certain event or particular time that you would like us to visit your area to showcase your collaborative's hard work and we will try to be there.